Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the wishes of the people have been ascertained in any form while formulating proposals for the Third Five-Year Plan?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Now that the draft plan is ready it is to be printed and distributed to the M.L.As and others who are interested in it.

Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA.—Will the Government be pleased to take the House into confidence while finalising the proposals?

Mr. SPEAKER.—All these questions had come up before. Probably the Hon'ble Member was not present.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know if the Government at any stage of finalising the draft plan felt it necessary to consult a technical committee like the National Economic Council?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—So far, Government has not felt it.

Construction of Bridge across Cauvery near Kottamudi in Mercara Taluk.

*Q.—359. Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA (Virajpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the construction of a bridge across the Cauvery at Kottamudi in Mercara Taluk is sanctioned and if so, what is the amount estimated to be spent over this bridge;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the foundation stone for this bridge was laid in May 1957 by the then Minister for P.W.D. and if so what are the reasons for not commencing the construction work so far;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a contractor collected some materials at the bridge spot and removed them and if so, the reasons therefor;

(*d*) when do the Government propose to execute this work?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) Yes; the amount of the sanctioned estimate is Rs. 7,22,439.

(*b*) Yes; tender for the work is under examination and has not been finally accepted.

(*c*) Yes. However, the contractors are stated to have removed the materials for using them on other works, since the tender has not yet been accepted.

(*d*) Work will be taken up soon after the receipt of final approval of Government of India to the tender for the work.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—With reference to the answer to (*b*), may I know how long it has been under examination?

†Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—Only recently the State Government has addressed the Government of India with a request to approve the tender and that is on 5th December 1959.

Sri K. P. KARUMBAYA.—May I know the probable time that will be taken for getting the approval of the Government of India?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—We cannot say. But as soon as it is approved by the Government of India the work will be taken up.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 385, Sri T. N. Mudalagiri Gowda. This question has been discussed sufficiently. The Hon'ble Member may put the question and supplementaries regarding clause (*e*) only.

Allotment of N.E.S. Blocks in the State.

*Q.—385. Sri T. N. MUDALAGIRI GOWDA (Kunigal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of N.E.S. Blocks granted to Mysore State by the Government of India during October, 1959;